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September 15, 1999

K. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

**Re: Petition of The Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company Coalition for  
Temporary Suspension of 47 U.S.C. §251(b) and 251(c) Pursuant to 47  
U.S.C. §251(f) and 47 U.S.C. §253(b)  
Docket No. 99-00613**

Dear David:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of a Petition of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. For Leave to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC



Henry Walker

/vrs  
Enclosure

cc: T.G. Pappas, Esq.

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: PETITION OF THE TENNESSEE SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY  
COALITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 47 U.S.C. §251(b) AND  
251(c) PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §253(b)

DOCKET. NO. 99-00613

**PETITION OF US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC.**  
**FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding and participate as its interests may appear and in support of its Petition, states as follows:

1. US LEC is a certificated local exchange carrier in Tennessee and has sought interconnection agreements with Millington and TDS, two of the petitioners. Since the petitioners seek to be relieved of their interconnection obligations under federal law, US LEC has a legally recognizable interest in this proceeding as it relates to Millington and TDS.

2. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention of Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, US LEC prays that it be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities and to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

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Dated this 15th day of September, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Henry Walker, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. for Leave to Intervene on the following this 15th day of September, 1999.

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